

# Portland Public Schools

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March 25, 2008

Susan Gendron, Commissioner  
Department of Education  
23 State House Station  
Augusta ME 04333-0023

Dear Commissioner Gendron:

Portland Public Schools respectfully requests to delay submission of its completed Alternative Plan from March 28, 2008, until the June 13, 2008 reporting date.

At this time, we are working diligently to complete our conversion to the Chart of Accounts. In our January 2, 2008 letter to you, we indicated that we anticipated that the FY09 conversion and submission of the budget file and revenue file to the DOE would be completed by April 30, 2008. Until that conversion is complete, we are unable to provide most of the additional data requested in your letter of December 14, 2007. I am certain that once the Chart of Accounts conversion has been completed, we will be able to provide substantive responses to the required items detailed in the department's review of our November 29, 2007 Alternative Plan.

We appreciate your consideration of our request to delay submission of the Alternative Plan to June 13, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Whynot-Vickers". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Jeanne Whynot-Vickers  
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Cc: J.Blackwood, Acting Assistant Superintendent